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SUBJ: FULBRIGHT

1. THE KOREAN AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION COMPLETED ITS ANNUAL THREE-DAY WORKSHOP ON OCTOBER 17. THIS MEETING WAS DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO REVIEW PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY AND GUIDELINES. COMMISSION TOOK FOLLOWING DECISIONS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 1977.

2. FULBRIGHT WILL NO LONGER FUND GRANTEES IN THE NATURAL SCIENCES. BASIS FOR THIS DECISION IS FACT THAT ROKG AND OTHER PRIVATE OR SEMIPRIVATE AGENCIES IN KOREA ARE NOW FULLY CAPABLE OF FUNDING KOREAN CANDIDATES FOR FURTHER STUDY IN NATURAL SCIENCES AND WE DOUBT THAT AMERICAN NATURAL SCIENCE CANDIDATES CAN HAVE MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE IN KOREA. THIS IS CULMINATION OF TWO YEARS' GENERAL DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF PROGRAM THRUST. WE FEEL IT IS A WISE MOVE.

3. AREAS OF COMMISSION EMPHASIS NOW WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FOLLOWING PRIORITY: (A) SOCIAL SCIENCES, (B) HUMANITIES. (C) THE ARTS. WE FEEL THIS IS EXCELLENT MOVE SINCE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE FUNDING FOR PERSONS IN THESE SPECIALITIES SERIOUSLY LAGS BEHIND FUNDING IN FIELDS DIRECTLY

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RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

4. COMMISSION HAS REAFFIRMED ITS THEMATIC APPROACH AS "THE PLACE OF MAN IN A RAPIDLY INDUSTRIALIZING SOCIETY" AND THIS EMPHASIS WILL BE REFLECTED IN COMMISSION BROCHURES AND OTHER MATERIALS.

5. COMMISSION FULLY RATIFIED EARLIER DECISION BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, WITH CU APPROVAL, TO ESTABLISH A NEW NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY OF GRANT. (STATE 178563, PARA. 2) AS SUGGESTED BY CU/EA, WE HAVE READJUSTED THE PRIORITY SCALE AND MOVED TWO NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL GRANTS IN FY77 FROM PRIORITY 39 TO 17 AND 38 (A-130). IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ADJUST THE FUNDING MODALITY OF THESE NEW GRANTS FOR FY77, AND WE WILL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS THIS CAN BE WORKED OUT.

6. EVERYTHING CONSIDERED, WE FEEL COMMISSION HAS ESTABLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES WHICH WILL ENABLE IT TO MAKE MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TO KOREAN SOCIETY AT PRESENT STAGE OF ITS DEVELOPMENT.
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